Immunity

Members of the MHB shall have the same immunity as judges of the District Court.

Subsection 2

Composition

Each MHB shall consist of a licensed attorney and any two of the following but not more than one from each category:

Physician

Psychologist

Psychiatric social worker

Psychiatric nurse

Clinical social worker

Layperson with a demonstrated interest in mental health and substance dependency issues.

Chairperson

The attorney shall be chairperson of the board.

Oath

Members/alternates shall take an oath to support the US and Nebraska Constitution and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office.

Subsection 3

Powers

MHB shall have the power to issue subpoenas, to administer oaths, and to do any act necessary and proper for the board to carry out its duties.

Presence of Members Required/ Majority Vote

No MHB hearing shall be conducted unless three members or alternate members are present and able to vote. Any action taken at any MHB hearing shall be by a majority vote.

Subsection 4

Duty to File Inventory

MHB shall file an annual inventory statement with the county board of all county personal property in its custody.

Compensation/Reimbursement

Members of the MHB shall be compensated and reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, not including charges for meals, by the county served by such board.

Compensation shall be at an hourly rate determined by the presiding district court judge, except that compensation shall not be less than fifty dollars for each hearing of the board.